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WHY FARMERS LEAVE HOME.

Enlightenment on the general consternation which has been expressed over the abandoned farm situation in America is obtainable in a survey made by the Department of Agriculture to determine just why farmers moved from country to town.

This survey shows that 84 per cent of the farmers who moved to towns between 1917 and 1926 owned their farms at the time the change was made. How large a percentage of these farms were mortgaged could not be determined, but the causes for departure may be classified in these general groups of reasons: Economic, 37.8 per cent; old age and physical disabilities, 25.2 per cent; opportunity to give children better schooling, 19.9 per cent; because of having achieved a competency, 2.5 per cent; in order to let son have farm, 1.8 per cent; all other reasons, 21.8 per cent.

Nearly 650,000 persons deserted their farms last year, and it is apparent that the next census will show a rural population of less than 25,000,000 whereas in 1910 the rural population was 32,000,000.

Secretary of Agriculture Jardine, discussing this trend, sees in it a natural long time adjustment which need not operate to the disadvantage of agriculture, and in this view he differs with many of the alarmists who see in the trek from the field to the city the certain ruin of the country. He is, probably, more nearly correct than the viewers-with-alarm, for after all the major concern is that we have adequate production, and not that so many millions of people be living the rural life.

With 37.5 per cent of the city-going farmers driven into towns for economic reasons, it is apparent that the farm situation is gradually adjusting itself. The farmers remaining on the soil are those who are at the worst making both ends meet. When more of the farmers who cannot make both ends meet find their way into the city, the prosperity of those farmers remaining on their lands will be increased.

The only concern is that the city will be able to absorb all those who, finding that agriculture does not pay, hope to build their fortunes anew in metropolitan occupations.

WATERMELON STATISTICS.

When the bureau of railway economics at Washington reports on the watermelon crop for 1926, as it just has, it writes poetry, and its cubistic looking charts of price ranges from June to September are almost masterpieces of art.

From the pages of this juicy statistical report, you may read that the state of Georgia shipped out 19,391 box cars of watermelons last year, which amounted to some 30 per cent of the total crop for the whole country. Georgia's closest rival was Florida, which produced only about half as many of the red, white and green delights as her neighbor on the north.

This makes Georgia the pre-eminent watermelon state of the Union, and in the same breath it becomes the symbol of heaven for every youngster in the country who ever wished that watermelon seeds could roll out of his ears while he "wallered."

If the chambers of commerce and the Rotary and Kiwanis and Lions clubs of Georgia do not publicize their commonwealth as the state of 20,000,000 watermelons, they are overlooking a bet. A modern Horace Greeley, reading these romantic watermelon statistics, might change his famous line and make it, "Go south, young man, go south!"

But then on the other hand—the bureau of railway economics fails to make a report on the juiciness of the Umpqua Valley watermelons. It is not how many melons a state can produce—but how do they taste.

STUDY YOUR GEOGRAPHY.

It seems that in spite of frequent corrections year after year, Portland newspaper men will never learn that Roseburg is in the Umpqua valley, not in its esteemed neighbor, the Rogue. Less than three weeks ago it was our unpleasant duty to chide the Portland Journal for a headline referring to a "Rogue Prune Pool" of Douglas county growers at Roseburg. Now we have the Portland Telegram announcing that at the Forum luncheon in Portland next Monday the "Roseburg Chamber of Commerce will provide products of farm and orchard of the Rogue river valley," and that "Portland business men will be told at the meeting of the wonderful products raised in the Rogue river district." We would suggest to Mr. H. E. Cully, secretary of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, and other local citizens who plan to be present at the Portland meeting that they take along a map of the state of Oregon and make a last despairing effort to teach the Portland scribes something of the geography of the region of which they so frequently write, and almost as frequently misrepresent.

DRAWS DEAD FATHER'S PENSION FOR 20 YEARS

PARIS, Aug. 24.—Jean Baptiste Tourenne, 60 year old, has for 20 years been drawing the pension of his dead father.

When government railroad officials learned that one of their retired employees, pensioned 25 years ago, would celebrate his hundredth birthday this year, they began to arrange a public ceremony in his honor. In the course of arrangements officials found that Tourenne had collected his father's pension for so long that a new generation of cashiers took it for granted the man they paid was the pensioner himself. Tourenne, therefore, kept on getting paid and lived without working. A judge sentenced him to a year in jail.

Eat barbecue sandwiches and live forever. Brand's Road Stand.

EGYPTIAN NOTABLE DIES

(Associated Press Licensed Wire)

CAIRO, Egypt, Aug. 24.—All the government offices were closed today owing to the death yesterday of Zakiou Pasha, nationalist leader and president of the Egyptian Chamber of Deputies. Death was caused by the general spread of poisoning as the result of eczema of the outer ear.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

By BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

Bobby Jones took 31 strokes On nine holes Of golf yesterday—Thass nothing—I took 40 On six holes.

Charlie Chaplin's divorce cost him two million bucks. And still they say the woman pays and pays.

Things are gittin' too dern high falootin'. This a. m. as ye ed, was munchin' his cereal in a local eatin' house, one of the gals who ate the must in front of ya asked our exalted opinion on the correct pronunciation of "cantaloups" and without a moment's hesitation we informed the young damsel that it was pronounced "cantaloupe" and then we hurried to the annex and consulted our Webster unabridged and discovered that it is pronounced "cantaloop." But we still maintain that if a feller walked up to a Dillard melon stand and ordered a couple "cantaloops" the attendant would knock ya fer a loop. To be correct will continue to call 'em "mush melons."

On acct. of the high fog this a. m. the cox of the poor wolk'n' galls were rolled a notch higher makin' visibility very poor.

We're gonna have a Fall Festival in the village to celebrate the renovation of last year's overcoats.

One of the gossip mongers of the village whose forked tongue has thrown slime quite promiscuously of late would enjoy sittin' in on a discussion of her virtues by a group of fellow gossip mongers. Such discussions are always enlightenin'—but the peculiar about it is, that gossip mongers never realize that they too are bein' talked about.

WHEN YOU AND I WERE YOUNG MAGGIE!

Dear Ed. of Prunes:

Just the other night I lay in bed and watched the golden wishing moon, and because no one would ever know and laugh, I wished a hundred foolish things. I wished for a lover—one as handsome and bold as the old time story book knights—to come riding down to me from out the mysterious blue above. Then, because one tires quickly of love, so they say, I wished for wealth—great riches and gold that would give me everything my heart desired. This glittering fancy passed, then a restless feeling took possession of me and I longed for the quiet solitude of the open spaces, far far away from these haunts of men. I wished to be alone—out there—where the silence is felt and the stars hang low in the heavens—but—of what good are wishes!

A. J. R.

A feller walked into our sanctum yesterday and inquired for the conductor of this column of comment and when we replied that we were it he adjusted his specks, looked us over from head to foot and muttered, "I mighta known it." Its great to be great but its a heluva note to be notorious.

Thank heavens there's one thing we've accomplished today. We've taught the waitin' and illiterate world how to pronounce cantaloupe.

LAFE SEZ—

"Regardless of what you think—most peepul like to have their names in the paper."

American forces at carload prices at Wharton Bros.

HEALTH UNIT CLINICS BENEFIT MANY CHILDREN

Very successful clinics have been held in Douglas county between May 12 and August 17. These were primarily for the benefit of infants and pre-school children.

Twenty-seven clinics were conducted in various towns and communities throughout the county, at which 358 children attended and were examined. Examination of the children shows that only about 10 per cent were entirely free from defects, indicating that the majority have one or more conditions which should be corrected. It is quite essential that every child be in good physical condition before entering school, in order that he may be better able to combat the diseases with which he is in closer contact, and to be better fit for the added strain of school life.

Children the required by law to go to school. It is therefore a plain public duty to encourage physical preparedness before entering school, as well as to protect the health of these children while at school.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Data reported by Arthur W. Pugh, Meteorologist in charge.

Barometric pressure (reduced to sea level) 5 a. m. 30.09
Relative humidity 5 p. m. yesterday (per cent) 51

Precip. in ins. and Hundredths: Highest temperature yesterday 71

Lowest temperature last night 60
Average temperature for the day 66

Normal temperature for this date 67

Precipitation, last 24 hours 0.0

Total precip. since last month 0.33

Normal precip. for this month 3.3

Total precip. from Sept. 1, 1926, to date 35.90

Average precip. from Sept. 1, 1927, to date 34.29

Total excess since Sept. 1, 1926 1.61

Average seasonal precip. Sept. to May inclusive 31.12

Forecast for southwest Oregon: Fair tonight and Thursday, moderate temperature.

Jack Lockwill at Summer Camp

BY GILBERT PATTEN
(Creator of Frank Merriwell)



Before turning to swim back across the lake, Jack talked a moment or two with Longpine. "You're a regular fellow, Tom," he said. "Only a thoroughbred would do what you did for a thug who had tried to give him a hiding." "Maybe I saved my cousin from going to prison for murder," returned the Indian boy. "Saunders, his head bandaged, was on the float when Jack reached it."



"Now you can see what comes from getting chummy with dirty Injuns, Lockwill," said Buke. Completely disgusted, Jack passed him without replying.



"Oh, you stuck-up snob!" muttered the bully, glaring at Lockwill's back. "I'll knock the high hat off you yet!" Then he went in search of Lizard Watties.

But a change had come over Lizard. "I'm through, Buke," he told Saunders. "Lockwill saved me from drownin', and I couldn't be concerned in putting anything over on him after that." "Quit-ter!" sneered the big fellow. "You better quit too!" snapped Watties. "You won't have any friends if you don't." Saunders clasped him with the back of his hand, knocking him over.

(To Be Continued)

BLACK WALNUT HOLDS PROMISE OF BIG PROFITS

Struggle for Commercial Recognition Sure to Be Successful.

FLAVOR IS POPULAR

Kernels Selling at \$1.00 Per Pound Wholesale; Trees Grow Over Wide Region.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—There is wealth in untold millions to be plucked from walnut boughs. "Not far distant," says C. A. Reed, government pomologist, "is a new food industry—the intensive marketing of walnut kernels. Out-ranked now by the pecan, the English walnut, almond, and the filbert, our native walnut struggles for commercial recognition but, no limit can be placed on its prospects."

Unlike other nut trees, the black walnut prospers over a wide area, from the Great Lakes to the Gulf and from the east coast to middle Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. It is most abundant in the valleys of the Appalachians and in fertile valleys of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

"Futhermore," Reed declares, "the American walnut has an individual popularity. Its quality is as fine as that of any nut, wherever grown. Distinctive in flavor the kernel is nutritious and extremely palatable."

"Two points are to its advantage. The kernel is devoid of every bitter principle, and retains its flavor in cooking better than almost any other nut."

Big Demand for Kernels. A local ice cream manufacturer says nothing satisfies his trade like black walnut flavor. He expects to use 10,000 pounds of kernels at his Washington plant this year, and similar amounts in other cities.

Walnut kernels are used principally in candy, loaves, cakes, salads and other foods, and often are sold by street vendors and on fruit stands.

In eastern Tennessee, western North Carolina, and southern West Virginia thousands of persons earn a livelihood by gathering walnuts in the fall, cracking them, and marketing them with local merchants. Approximately 40,000 barrels are cracked in Tennessee alone. One dealer says his trade amounts to 10,000 pounds of kernels annually.

An Illinois grower, marketing his own kernels, receives a dollar a pound wholesale and \$1.25 a pound retail. By actual measurement he gets 10 pounds of kernels from one bushel of whole nuts. Michigan farmers are following the precedent.

Baltimore firms purchase walnut kernels in carload lots, and not infrequently Cleveland candy makers order 10,000-pound shipments several times a year.

Development Aided. The government, cooperating with the Northern Nut Growers association, is developing various types of hulled nuts with larger kernel chambers, and is working to improve commercial walnut orchards. From 2,000 improved saplings, more than 50 have been selected for future grafting.

To encourage selective culture, the association will hold a two-day institute at Easton, Md., Sept. 15-16. Because of the moderate climate, favorable soil, and abundant moisture, Cook believes Maryland will be the seat of extensive orchard culture.

"However," he points out, "it must be remembered the nut crop of the black walnut is a farm product and not a staple. The crop is not always certain, and while walnut trees require rich soil it is a mistake to give up all other farm land for their production. There are plenty of fertile, grazed sites to be selected."

"The black walnut is even more valuable for its timber than for its nuts. Single trees often are worth more than \$500. While it takes 10 years to make a timber profit, a walnut has a good nut yield within 12 to 15 years."

GERMAN METHODISTS OPEN PACIFIC CONFERENCE

(Associated Press Licensed Wire)

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24.—The twenty-third annual Pacific German conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will open tonight with an address by the Rev. Clarence True Wilson, secretary of the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals. The session will begin with a sermon by Rev. A. F. Elmer, of Salem.

The meetings of the annual sessions are to be held mornings and evenings for four days, ending Sunday.

Tonight's meetings is preliminary to the opening of the conference proper Thursday morning.

EXTRA SWITCH ENGINE PUT ON DURING FRUIT RUSH

Any extra switch engine out of the local Southern Railway yards is being put on and will handle additional work during the fruit rush this season. The engine was put in operation this morning and will be used until the extra work is taken care of. A full crew of men has been put on to handle the work.

THE TINYMITES

STORY BY HAL COCHRAN—PICTURES BY KNICK

While Clowny slept upon the ground, the others gaily ran around and got a lot of exercise which made them all feel grand. They played at leap-frog; also tag, until the games began to drag. In fact they grew so very tired they simply could not stand.

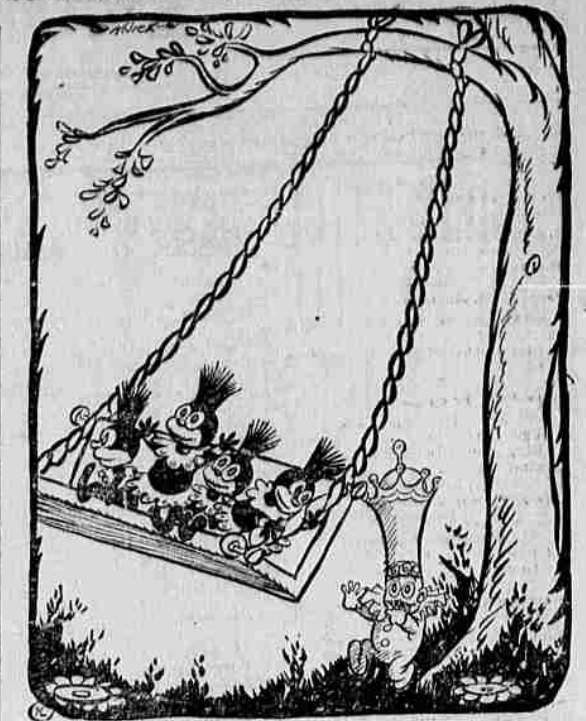
Said Copsy, with a fagged out smile, "Let's all flop down and sleep a while. When we wake up, we'll look around for something else to do." In about five minutes more, it seems, they all were lost in lands of dreams. It was a funny sight to see, 'cause they were snoring, too.

The hour slipped by till afternoon. Then Clowny woke, and pretty soon had a happy bunch. "I'll tickle each one's nose," said he. "They'll be as scared as they can be. And when he started, that's the way he finally woke the bunch.

One Goofy Goo then said aloud, "Just follow me, you happy crowd." And, off he went across a hill with all the rest behind. "Scow, where's he going?" Carpy cried. "Oh, be a sport," said Scouty, "this is something I don't mind."

And then the Goofy Goo stopped short, and shouted, "Here's a chance for sport." He pointed to a nearby tree where hung a dandy swing. "We'll all have fun and swing up high, who knows but what we'll reach the sky? We'll each take turns, and all play fair, and each one have a fling."

Then all but Scouty climbed aboard, and he last stood and loudly roared, "You sure look very funny, but you're swaying much too slow. Please don't be scared, bunch to and fro. (A bear chases the Tinymites in the next story.)



READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE

THEATRES

LIBERTY THEATRE

Story of "The Night Bride" Starts Where Others Finish

Most modern pictures end with a marriage ceremony, but in "The Night Bride," starring Marie Prevost, which will be on view at the Liberty Theatre today, the procedure is reversed. Instead of ending with a wedding, the picture starts out with one.

And the heroine of the story is not featured in the ceremony. Rather it is that just as the ceremony is about to begin, the bride discovers the man she is to wed making love to her sister who is one of the bridesmaids. Then things begin to hum.

The humorous and thrilling complications which follow and which eventually end in a wedding make this Metropolitan comedy one of the keenest of all Prevost starring vehicles. Harrison Ford again appears opposite the star, with Franklin Pangborn, Robert Edison and other film celebrities in the supporting roles.

Clyde Fitch's "The City" to be Shown Here

The screen version of "The City," the famous melodrama by Clyde Fitch, produced for Fox Films under the direction of R. William Neill, opens at the Liberty Theatre for a 2 days run today. According to advance reports, the picture will prove more thrilling and will hold the interest of the audience faster than the play. Walter McGrail, Nancy Nash, Richard Walling, May Allison and Robert Frazer have the featured roles.

The first flash shows six of the seven deadly sins, gorgeously attired, waiting outside a curtain. They start to run inside, but are scoured aside by Wrath. The climax comes when Cupid shoots his silver bow into the boy where the girl is sitting. This brings about the teasing which results in the marriage.

BRIEF IN KELLEY CASE PRECLUDES EARLY DECISION

(Associated Press Licensed Wire)

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 24.—At the conclusion of arguments yesterday in the Ellsworth Kelley habeas corpus proceeding, attorneys for Mrs. Estella Kelley, mother of the convict and petitioner for the writ, asked leave of the court to file a brief in the case and were given until Thursday noon by Judge McMahon in which to do so.

After the filing of this brief the state's attorneys will have 24 hours in which to file a brief if they desire to file one.

This means that the decision of Judge McMahon, granting or denying the writ of habeas corpus, cannot be reached probably before Saturday or next week.

The petition on behalf of James Willos for stay of execution pending a mental examination of the prisoner will probably be argued before Judge Percy Kelly at Albany tomorrow.

WEST POINT PLACE OPEN TO OREGON MILITIAMAN

(Associated Press Licensed Wire)

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 24.—Governor Patterson has been notified that he is to have the selection of a candidate for entrance to the United States military academy at West Point, the applicant to be a member of the Oregon National Guard. The preliminary examination will be held some time between November 1 and 15 and the entrance examination will be held March 6, 1928. The entrance date is July 2, 1928. Applicants must be between the ages of 19 and 22 years.

NO LEGS, PLAYS BALL

BRISTOL, Conn.—One of the brightest stars of the city sandlot baseball team is Stanley Pinkish, 10-year-old boy whose legs are cut off at the knees. Stanley can pitch and catch as well as any of his team mates. When he goes to bat and makes a hit, which is often, another boy runs the bases for him.

BY OX CART AND PLANE

NEW YORK.—Two New York University students have completed a 7500-mile tour to Chihuahua City, Mexico and back. They started with a dollar bill, which they still have. They did not ask for money rides or food, but they were offered, and accepted, rides in everything from an ox cart to an airplane.

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OUT OUR WAY



HEROES ARE MADE—NOT BORN.

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